

Washington, DC - The League of Conservation Voters this week released the 2010 National Environmental Scorecard and Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) received a perfect score. Hinchey, a national leader on a range of environmental issues, from protecting drinking water from the risks of hydraulic fracturing to preserving our National Park system, was proud to receive the group's accolades. The 2010 scorecard was released amidst the greatest attack on the EPA's budget in 30 years and current Congressional assaults on the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, wildlife and wild places.

"The environment is something that I have cared about deeply throughout my career," said Hinchey. "From my time in Albany, when I chaired the Assembly's environmental committee, to my efforts today in Washington where I have stood against the downslide of the environmental rules we rely on to protect the natural beauty and people of this great country. It's truly an honor to have received a perfect score from a group as prestigious as the League of Conservation Voters and I look forward to standing with the group against the oncoming assault on our air, land and water that is likely to occur throughout the course of this year and the next."

The 2010 Scorecard includes six different Senate and nine different House votes on issues ranging from clean energy to public health protections to lands conservation. Given the disastrous impact of the resolution offered by Senator Murkowski (R-AK), LCV double scored that vote, which would have blocked the Environmental Protection Agency from moving forward with commonsense steps to reduce dangerous carbon pollution. Additionally, LCV took the unusual step of scoring co-sponsorship of Dirty Air Act legislation in the House. These steps bring the Senate total to seven and the House total to 10.

Hinchey was one of 119 House members to earn a perfect 100% score. For 40 years, the National Environmental Scorecard issued by LCV has been the nationally accepted yardstick used to rate members of Congress on environmental, public health and energy issues. The full 2010 National Environmental Scorecard can be found at www.lcv.org/scorecard.

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